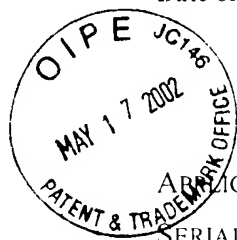


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

Please insert the sequence listing pages 1-327 at the end of the specification.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended in response to the February 19, 2002 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. Specifically, the specification has been amended to insert the sequence listing into the specification, in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have included a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee with this submission. Applicants believe no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 21402-237 (CURA-537).